

Amendments to the Specification

Change page 14, line 20 to page 15, line 5, as follows:

In the present invention, the shape-maintaining component may be partially provided with a low-strength portion, e.g., an incision, so that the shape-maintaining component 80 may be torn along the low-strength portion when the airbag is inflated. For example, as in a shape-maintaining component 80A shown in Fig. 14(a), a circular low-strength portion 90 surrounding the perimeter of the seams of the seam thread 80s at the central portion, radial low-strength portions 91 and 92 radially extending from the circular low-strength portion 90, and intersecting low-strength portions 93 and 94 extending from ends of the radial low-strength portions 91 and 92 in the direction orthogonal thereto may be provided. In this case, the shape-maintaining component 80A is torn along the low-strength portions 91 to 94 when the airbag is inflated, and only a circular remaining piece 80A 80a is left on the front panel of the deployed airbag, as shown in Fig. 14(b).